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CONTINUING ROCK FALL ON SR-330 PROMPTS DIRECTOR'S ORDER FOR EMERGENCY WORK

San Bernardino County – Caltrans began a state-funded emergency work contract in the amount \$500,000 today on State Route 330. The route closed when 30 yards of earth and rock began to fall during a mild storm last Tuesday, February 28th. Continuous rock fall has been reported on the slope, which is located approximately 2 miles uphill from Highland Avenue.

SR-330 will remain closed from Highland Avenue to Running Springs until the work is completed. Caltrans geologists recommend that the emergency work include a wire mesh netting, similar to the ones installed on SR-18 in the Narrows and SR-138 near the Junction 18/138. The netting will catch falling rock and debris and will measure approximately 150 feet high and 80 feet wide.

The duration of the work is expected to last about three weeks, depending on inclement weather. Residential access will be permitted between SR-18 and Live Oak Rd., however, no traffic will be permitted downhill from the Running Springs area.

An alternate route to the Running Springs, Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear communities is SR-18 from SR-30. Travelers to Big Bear may also use SR-38 from Interstate 10 (through Redlands and Mentone).

For updates on Caltrans roadwork please check our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 or call our Public Affairs Office at (909) 383-4631.

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